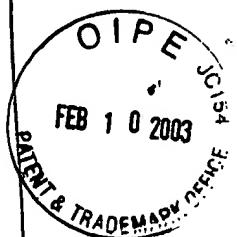


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In re application of:)
Nigel P. TAYLOR *et al.*) Group Art Unit: 1624
Serial No.: 09/913,539) Examiner: John M. Ford
Filed: December 7, 2001)
For: PROCESS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF)
TERT-BUTYL (E)-(6-[2-[4(4-FLUORO-)
PHENYL)-6-ISOPROPYL-2-[(METHYL-)
(METHYLSULFONYL)AMINO]PYRIMIDIN-)
5-YL]VINYL](4R,6S)-2,2-DIMETHYL[1,3]-)
DIOXAN-4-YL) ACETATE)

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 10, 2003

Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2002, (Paper No. 11), Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application in view of the following amendments and remarks. A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 4, 5 and 6 as follows:

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4. (Amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 or 2, wherein the reaction is carried out in a solvent selected from tetrahydrofuran, dimethoxyethane and toluene, and mixtures thereof.

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